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SUBJECT: MEXICAN REACTION TO A "NORTH AMERICAN SUMMIT"

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY ROEL TOLD ME MARCH 9 THAT PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO HAD DISCUSSED WITH HIM HIS REACTION TO IDEA OF A SUMMIT MEETING INVOLVING HIMSELF, PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU, AND PRESIDENT CARTER. HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SUCH A MEETING, PROVIDED IT TOOK PLACE IN CANADA.

2. ROEL BROUGHT THIS SUBJECT UP INCIDENTALLY DURING OUR REVIEW OF A NUMBER OF TOPICS. WE HAVE TALKED TO CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE, WHICH TRACES ORIGIN OF IDEA OF A TRIPARTITE "SUMMIT" TO A PRESS REPORT OF JANUARY 14 IN SEMI-OFFICIAL MEXICO CITY DAILY EL NACIONAL, IN WHICH MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO CANADA AGUSTIN BARRIOS GOMEZ (OF WHOM CANADIAN EMBASSY'S OPINION IS VERY LOW) IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT TRUDEAU PROPOSED SUCH A MEETING, SAYING A LOPEZ PORTILLO VISIT TO OTTAWA MIGHT PRESENT AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY FOR A TRIPARTITE GET-TOGETHER. CANADIANS HERE FEEL THAT BARRIOS GOMEZ PUT WORDS IN PM TRUDEAU'S MOUTH, AND THAT PM WAS MERELY REACTING POLITELY AND NON-COMMITTALLY TO AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT THAT A THREE-WAY MEETING WOULD
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